



### 2020 TOUR Championship Pre-Tournament Notes

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**Dates:** August 31-September 7, 2020

**Where:** Atlanta, Georgia

**Course:** East Lake Golf Club (35-35—70/7,346 yards)

**Field size:** 30

**2019 FedExCup and TOUR Championship winner:** Rory McIlroy

**FedExCup bonus pool:** \$60 million (\$15 million/winner)

**Format:** 72-hole stroke play with FedExCup Starting Strokes

### Things to know

- For the second consecutive season, the TOUR Championship is weighted by FedExCup Starting Strokes, with the format crowning a single champion; at the conclusion of the TOUR Championship, the player with the lowest score in relation to par over 72 holes combined with his FedExCup Starting Strokes will win the TOUR Championship and be crowned FedExCup champion
- For the first time in the FedExCup era, the top three in the FedExCup standings entering the TOUR Championship are also the top three in the Official World Golf Ranking
- Playing in his TOUR-best 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive TOUR Championship, Dustin Johnson enters at No. 1 in the FedExCup standings and seeks first FedExCup title
- Two-time FedExCup champion Rory McIlroy enters the week at No. 12 and seeks to become the first player to win the FedExCup in consecutive seasons
- Two players played their way into the TOUR Championship following the BMW Championship: Joaquin Niemann, Mackenzie Hughes
- 12 international players qualified for the TOUR Championship from 11 different countries outside the United States

### Notes on the field

- 17 of the top 30 in the Official World Golf Ranking, including eight of the top 10
- Three FedExCup champions: Billy Horschel (2014), Justin Thomas (2017), Rory McIlroy (2016, 2019)
- Three past champions of the TOUR Championship: Horschel (2014), Xander Schauffele (2017), McIlroy (2016, 2019)
- Two PGA TOUR rookies: Scottie Scheffler (FedExCup No. 17), Viktor Hovland (No. 27)
- Nine first-timers (FedExCup ranking): Cameron Champ (29), Lanto Griffin (16), Tyrrell Hatton (19), Viktor Hovland (27), Mackenzie Hughes (28), Sebastian Munoz (15), Collin Morikawa (5), Joaquin Niemann (18), Scottie Scheffler (17)

### TOUR Championship and the FedExCup

- The TOUR Championship is the last of three events of the FedExCup Playoffs and the finale to the PGA TOUR Season
- The top 30 players in the FedExCup standings following the BMW Championship qualified for the TOUR Championship
- Two players played their way into the TOUR Championship: Mackenzie Hughes and Joaquin Niemann
- Year-by-year look at FedExCup champions and their performance throughout the Playoffs in the year they won:

Year	Champion	THE NORTHERN TRUST	Dell Technologies Championship	BMW Championship	TOUR Championship
2019	Rory McIlroy (2)	T6	N/A	T19	Won
2018	Justin Rose	MC	2nd	2nd	T4
2017	Justin Thomas	6th	Won	T47	2nd
2016	Rory McIlroy	T31	Won	T42	Won
2015	Jordan Spieth	MC	MC	T13	Won
2014	Billy Horschel	MC	T2	Won	Won
2013	Henrik Stenson	T43	Won	T33	Won

2012	Brandt Snedeker	2nd	6th	T37	Won
2011	Bill Haas	T24	T61	T16	Won
2010	Jim Furyk	DNP	T37	T15	Won
2009	Tiger Woods (2)	T2	T11	Won	2nd
2008	Vijay Singh	Won	Won	T44	T22
2007	Tiger Woods	DNP	T2	Won	Won

#### FedExCup Starting Strokes

FedExCup	Player	Starting Strokes
1	Dustin Johnson	-10
2	Jon Rahm	-8
3	Justin Thomas	-7
4	Webb Simpson	-6
5	Collin Morikawa	-5
6	Daniel Berger	-4
7	Harris English	-4
8	Bryson DeChambeau	-4
9	Sungjae Im	-4
10	Hideki Matsuyama	-4
11	Brendon Todd	-3
12	Rory McIlroy	-3
13	Patrick Reed	-3
14	Xander Schauffele	-3
15	Sebastian Munoz	-3
16	Lanto Griffin	-2
17	Scottie Scheffler	-2
18	Joaquin Niemann	-2
19	Tyrrell Hatton	-2
20	Tony Finau	-2
21	Kevin Kisner	-1
22	Abraham Ancer	-1
23	Ryan Palmer	-1
24	Kevin Na	-1
25	Marc Leishman	-1
26	Cameron Smith	Even
27	Viktor Hovland	Even
28	Mackenzie Hughes	Even
29	Cameron Champ	Even
30	Billy Horschel	Even

#### Players who moved inside the top 30 at the BMW Championship

- In the 14-year history of the FedExCup, 39 players have entered the BMW Championship outside the top 30 in the FedExCup standings and qualified for the TOUR Championship, with two performing the feat this season:

Player	Entering BMW	BMW	Thru BMW
Joaquin Niemann	31	T3	18
Mackenzie Hughes	36	T10	28

#### Rookies in the FedExCup Playoffs

- Eight rookies qualified for the 2020 FedExCup Playoffs, four shy of the 2017 record (12); of that group, four advanced to the BMW Championship

- Scottie Scheffler and Viktor Hovland qualified for the TOUR Championship, tying the record for most rookies in the TOUR Championship during the FedExCup era

Player	Entering Playoffs	Final FedExCup position
Scottie Scheffler	24	17 (current)
Viktor Hovland	28	27 (current)
Harry Higgs	72	55
Maverick McNealy	58	68
Scott Harrington	94	98
Matthew NeSmith	93	100
Tom Lewis	123	124
Bo Hoag	124	125

#### Rookies to qualify for the TOUR Championship since the inception of the FedExCup in 2007:

Year	Player	Final FEC position
2020	Scottie Scheffler	17 (current)
2020	Viktor Hovland	27 (current)
2019	Sungjae Im	19
2018	Aaron Wise	24
2017	Xander Schauffele	3
2017	Patrick Cantlay	29
2016	Emiliano Grillo	11
2016	Si Woo Kim	17
2015	Daniel Berger	11
2013	Jordan Spieth	7
2012	John Huh	29
2011	Keegan Bradley	20
2009	Marc Leishman	20
2008	Andres Romero	28
2007	Brandt Snedeker	20

#### First-timers at the TOUR Championship

- There are nine players in the field who are making their TOUR Championship debut:

Player	FedExCup position
Cameron Champ	29
Lanto Griffin	16
Tyrrell Hatton	19
Viktor Hovland	27
Mackenzie Hughes	28
Sebastian Munoz	15
Collin Morikawa	5
Joaquin Niemann	18
Scottie Scheffler	17

#### A look back at the 2019 TOUR Championship

Pos.	Player	Began	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Rory McIlroy	-5	-4	-3	-2	-4	-18
2	Xander Schauffele	-4	-6	-1	-3	E	-14
T3	Brooks Koepka	-7	-3	-3	-2	+2	-13
T3	Justin Thomas	-10	E	-2	+1	-2	-13

5	Paul Casey	-2	-4	-3	-2	+2	-9
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- Rory McIlroy secured his 17<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR victory, second TOUR Championship crown and second FedExCup title
- McIlroy joined Tiger Woods (2007, 2009) as the only players to win the FedExCup more than once
- McIlroy became the first player to win THE PLAYERS Championship and FedExCup in the same season

#### Player notes – Top five in FedExCup standings

##### Dustin Johnson (No. 1 FedExCup, No. 1 OWGR)

- Qualified for the TOUR Championship for the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive season, the longest active streak on TOUR
- Since the Return to Golf, has recorded two victories (Travelers Championship, THE NORTHERN TRUST) and two runner-up finishes (PGA Championship, BMW Championship)
- Owns five FedExCup Playoffs titles, tying him for most on TOUR with Rory McIlroy
- In the FedExCup Playoffs, owns the most top-fives (12) and the most top-10s (20)

##### Jon Rahm (No. 2 FedExCup, No. 2 OWGR)

- Made a 66-foot, 5-inch putt for birdie on the first playoff hole at last week's BMW Championship to defeat Dustin Johnson
- The victory was his fifth PGA TOUR title, which moved him from No. 9 to No. 2 in the FedExCup standings
- One of four players with at least one win in each of the last four PGA TOUR seasons (Bryson DeChambeau, Dustin Johnson, Justin Thomas)
- One of six multiple winners in the 2019-20 season (others: Justin Thomas, Collin Morikawa, Brendon Todd, Webb Simpson, Dustin Johnson)

##### Justin Thomas (No. 3 FedExCup, No. 3 OWGR)

- Only player with three victories this season (THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, Sentry Tournament of Champions, WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational)
- Nine top-10 finishes this season, tied with Bryson DeChambeau for most on PGA TOUR
- Has not finished worse than T7 in four previous appearances at East Lake Golf Club (T6/2016, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2017, T7/2018, T3/2019)

##### Webb Simpson (No. 4 FedExCup, No. 6 OWGR)

- Withdrew from the BMW Championship last week in "order to be well rested for the TOUR Championship"
- Leads PGA TOUR in Scoring Average (68.86), Par 4 Scoring Average (3.88), Birdie Average (4.73) and Putting Average (1.690)
- Qualified for his fourth consecutive TOUR Championship and eighth overall
- Owns three top-10s at East Lake Golf Club (T4/2018, 4<sup>th</sup>/2013, T5/2012)

##### Collin Morikawa (No. 5 FedExCup, No. 5 OWGR)

- Making TOUR Championship debut; finished No. 59 in the FedExCup standings in 2018-19, his rookie season
- Owns six top-10s in 20 starts this season, highlighted by two wins (Workday Charity Open, PGA Championship)
- At 23 years, 6 months, 3 days, became the third-youngest PGA Championship winner since World War II, behind only Rory McIlroy and Jack Nicklaus

#### Players receive the following exemptions based on their final position in the FedExCup:

FedExCup	Eligibility for the 2020-21 Season
Top 125 from 2019-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The American Express</li> </ul>
Top 125 starting in 2019-20 thru event two weeks prior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Entry to the event above</i></li> <li>• The Genesis Invitational</li> <li>• THE PLAYERS Championship</li> <li>• RBC Heritage</li> </ul>

<b>Top 80</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Entry to all events above</i></li> <li>• Charles Schwab Challenge</li> </ul>
<b>Top 70</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Entry to all events above</i></li> <li>• Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard</li> <li>• the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide</li> </ul>
<b>Top 60</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Entry to all events above</i></li> <li>• THE CJ CUP @ SHADOW CREEK</li> <li>• ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP @ SHERWOOD</li> </ul>
<b>Top 30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Entry to all events above</i></li> <li>• 2020 U.S. Open (<i>top 5 players from final FedExCup standings not otherwise exempt</i>)</li> <li>• WGC-HSBC Champions</li> <li>• Sentry Tournament of Champions</li> <li>• WGC-Mexico Championship</li> <li>• 2021 Masters Tournament</li> <li>• 2021 U.S. Open</li> </ul>
<b>FedExCup champion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Entry to all events above</i></li> <li>• Fully exempt thru the 2025-26 season</li> <li>• PGA Championship</li> </ul>

#### **Tournament Records**

- Low 18-hole score: 60 (Zach Johnson/R3/2007)
- Low first 36-hole total: 127 (Tiger Woods/2007)
- Low first 54-hole total: 191 (Tiger Woods/2007)
- Low 72-hole total: 257 (Tiger Woods/2007)
- Largest margin of victory: 8 (Tiger Woods/2007)
- Best come-from-behind victory: 8 strokes (Camilo Villegas/2008)